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Applicant(s): Zack et al.

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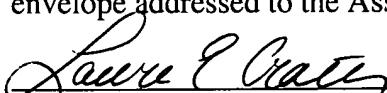
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING IN-BAND MESSAGING
WITHIN A VIDEO ON DEMAND ENVIRONMENT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please preliminarily amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-10 and insert instead the following new
claims:

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--11. In an information distribution system comprising server
equipment providing content to subscriber equipment via a
communications channel, server apparatus comprising:

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